

NEGROES STOUTLY DENY THEIR GUILT

All Efforts to Secure Confession
from Convicted Murderers
Futile.

JENKINS ONLY LAUGHS

Three of Slayers of Mrs. Skip-
with and Walter Johnson Now
in Farmville Jail.

BY A. R. W. MACKRETH,
Staff Correspondent.

FARMVILLE, VA., March 30.—Each of the three negroes—Isham and Joe Taylor and Lewis Jenkins—now in the Farmville jail, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Mary E. Skipwith and Walter G. Johnson, at Powhatan, on the night of February 12, protested again this morning to the Times-Dispatch representative, who visited them to-day in the hope of securing a confession, and each of the two Taylors made a last request—that his body be sent home for interment after the execution. Lewis Jenkins seemed rather to treat the matter as a joke, and he laughed with maniacal hilarity as he narrated the visions that other "dreams" had brought to him. Both the others are on the verge of nervous breakdown, but still they stick stubbornly to their assertions of innocence. Every effort, every argument, was used to induce the three condemned men to make a confession of their guilt, but they were as cold as ice and as hard as adamant in their denial of guilt. When the matter was brought up, the three condemned men to make a confession of their guilt, but they were as cold as ice and as hard as adamant in their denial of guilt. When the matter was brought up, the three condemned men to make a confession of their guilt, but they were as cold as ice and as hard as adamant in their denial of guilt.

Clings to First Statements.
The writer conversed with each condemned man, using every resource in his power to urge a confession. But the negroes stuck firmly to their first statements. Life over them, with others, meant that there is still hope, and this probably explains their unswerving determination not to tell all they know until the last moment has come.

You Know," said The Times-Dispatch representative to each, "that you were given a fair and impartial trial, and that you were convicted only on the evidence produced before a jury which tried you on the merits of the case. You know that not a white man raised a hand to hurt a hair of your head; that none even muttered a word which would have led to a speedier execution." Each prisoner assented.

"The white folks gave me a fair trial," said Isham, "and all the evidence was against me." He denounced bitterly the man in the next cell—the "dreamer," whose statements before the questioning lawyers and on the witness stand tended more toward conviction than all the other evidence put together. Isham said that Jenkins had spoken to him about the crime and had made statements concerning his part in the double murder and arson as matters of fact which before he had been convicted only dreamed. Jenkins was defiant with this statement, but he only laughed.

Isham Taylor is the only one in the lot who impresses one with his assertion of innocence. He is more intelligent than any other, and he has a more honest expression. Yet it is said of him that he was the leader of the gang; that it was he who, after Joe Taylor, his half-brother, had called Mr. Johnson to the door, shot the latter down in cold blood. But he is resigned. He seems to have given up all hope; he shows no outward signs of belief in his prayers for final escape. Yet he has never made a change in his original declaration of innocence while both the others have had words over the matter.

In Separate Cells.
Each man is in a separate cell, Isham and Jenkins occupying adjoining cells. Isham sits up most of the day, and sleeps little at night. Jenkins lies down most of the day, and sleeps well. Isham looks haggard and broken. Joe Taylor also lives slowly through the day, and has waking dreams through the night.

Jenkins has had more "dreams." "I

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dream of the other night," he said, "of high hills, of crossing the River Jordan. I dreamt of the good old times I used to have at home." The "high hills" represented heaven.

"Can't you call the spirit who told you all about this crime back again?" he was asked.

"Now, sir," he replied, "I ain't feelin' well to-day, and de spirit never comes when I ain't feelin' well."

He could not be induced to recall the "angel." He admitted that he had never heard of the spirit, and he dreamt as he has dreamed, and claimed to be a "spirit" man. "I'll be a spirit man in heaven," he said. Several times he laughed aloud, as if enjoying a huge joke. He is a psychological anomaly. He has no regret for what he has done, and he is incapable of comprehending, in the slightest terms, either life or death, whether they concern himself or others. More likely his soul and mind are atavistic.

Joe Taylor asked sadly if the authorities would allow his body to be returned home. Isham Taylor followed with a like request. Jenkins laughed, and said that he had no home and that it made no difference to him what became of his body. All claim to be church members. Jenkins said he belonged to the Second Baptist Church, of Richmond.

Persists in "Dreaming."
Both Taylors persisted in asserting their innocence. Jenkins persisted in his dreams. Isham Taylor said he had dreamed only once. The other might be dreamed that Mrs. Skipwith appeared before him and said, "You don't know anything about my death, but the others do."

He said that was the only dream he had had. Jenkins has them nightly. He is absolutely without fear, and his cackling laugh sounds as if he may have dreamed the night that Mrs. Skipwith and Mr. Johnson were wetting in their blood and he was setting a torch to their home. Isham and Joe Taylor look from their bars with daily longing for freedom. Jenkins appears as satisfied as if he were in his own home.

Perhaps he finds consolation in his imaginary dreams. He may have lived so often that he has at last come to believe his own falsehoods.

The writer bade each good-by as he left the jail. The Taylors uttered a melancholy farewell. Jenkins laid down on a nap. Then the keys were turned, and the condemned murderers were shut out from the world and hope. They had been afforded a chance to confess their guilt, but each had persisted in his assertion of innocence. But each agreed that he could not have expected anything but the verdict that was rendered, according to the evidence.

It was a sombre hour, and the writer was glad to leave. There was but one last request from them, and that came from Isham Taylor. He said that he wanted to see his wife again before he died. All are to die on April 30.

PERMITS ISSUED

Demand for New Residences in East and West Ends Continues to Exceed Supply.
In the office of the Building Inspector yesterday the following building and repair permits were issued:

Asbury Deane, to erect a two-story brick tenement on the south side of Grove Avenue, between Williams and Mulberry streets, to cost \$8,600.

A. D. Ellis, to erect a two-story double brick tenement at 109 North Twenty-eighth street, to cost \$4,000.

J. H. Plippen, to erect a detached two-story frame dwelling on the west side of Oakwood Avenue, between R and S streets, to cost \$2,250.

C. W. Tinsley, to erect a detached brick stable in the rear of 314 West Marshall street, to cost \$400.

A. J. Washington, to repair a brick store, 709 North Second street, to cost \$175.

New Charters Issued.

Charters were issued yesterday by the State Corporation Commission as follows:

People's Music Association of Richmond, Va. (Inc.), Richmond. John C. Freeman, Max E. Lindner, John Stewart, Alfred B. Williams, James Coleman, William A. J. Montague—all of Richmond. Capital, none. Objects: To secure for the use and pleasure of the people of Richmond a pipe organ to be placed in the City Auditorium and to provide for the general public musical entertainments.

Norfolk Bell-Bearing Scale Company (Inc.), Norfolk. W. H. Feuerstein, president; Louis Feuerstein, secretary and treasurer; J. D. Miller, vice-president—all of Norfolk. Capital: Maximum, \$10,000; minimum, \$1,500. Object: Manufacture a ball-bearing scale.

People's Telephone Company (Inc.), Wakenfield. J. A. Brittle, president; N. B. Bond, secretary and treasurer; A. W. Holt, vice-president; J. S. White, P. D. Bain—all of Wakenfield. Capital: Maximum, \$4,000; minimum, \$1,000. Object: Telephone line.

Silver Lake Improvement Company (Inc.), Dayton. W. D. Heatwell, president; J. M. Shrum, vice-president; N. R. Crist, secretary and treasurer—all of Dayton. Capital: Maximum, \$40,000; minimum, \$15,000. Object: Real estate business.

People's Telephone Company (Inc.), Norfolk. Jake Wells, president; Norfolk. J. Neal, secretary and treasurer, Richmond; Walter Vincent, vice-president, Norfolk. Capital: Maximum, \$15,000; minimum, \$1,000. Object: Operate theatres for amusement.

LET SOUTH SHOW TARIFF IS BOGUS

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House and two in the Senate. "You know who they are," he exclaimed, facing the Republicans. "That is the bill you are going to swallow." He said, "and for that reason they have put things in the Republican platform to please those Western Republicans, and they are going to take it off in the Senate so you can go before your people and say, 'Well, now we have done the best we could; we passed it in the House, and that dogged Senate just simply ripped it up.'"

Mr. Kitchin spoke for three and a half hours.

The night session of the House, in accordance with the special rule, convened at 8 o'clock.

Earnestly advocating free lumber, Mr. Byrd, of Mississippi, severely attacked the Payne bill. He declared that the minimum and maximum provision intended to be used against foreign nations makes it easily possible for the proposed average duty of 46 per cent. to be increased 20 per cent. more on many necessities used by the home consumer.

Mr. Byrd declared that the price of lumber is now so high that the poor are unable to build houses. "One half of those already built," he added, "are owned by building and loan associations."

Mr. Byrd contended that the proposed duty on lumber is not intended for the benefit of the lumber interests in the yellow pine district of the South. "I do not know what may exist elsewhere," he continued, "or what may have existed elsewhere, but I do know there is a retail lumber association, society or trust. There is an understanding among the members thereof that they are to have the exclusive right to sell the lumber to the consumer and that if the manufacturer undertakes to sell directly to the consumer without paying the retailer his commission, his mill is to be boycotted by the association."

"Besides my own personal knowledge in this regard," continued Mr. Byrd, "less than ten days ago a gentleman of the highest integrity in the manufacture of lumber in Mississippi, as well as one of the officials of the Mississippi Lumber Association, stated that there was such an understanding among the retailers, and that the sawmills in that section, especially the smaller ones, did not dare to sell the lumber."

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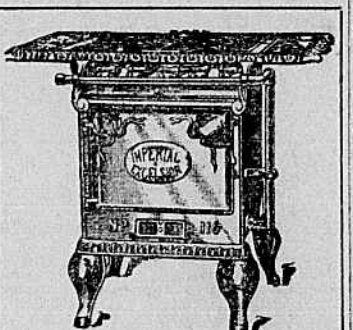
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Mr. Byrd referred to the investigation instigated by the Legislature of

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch.

When Judge Mann appears here Friday night he will attract a crowd. Mr. Tucker's speech of last Saturday night has revived or created interest in the campaign here, and though he had a small audience, owing, possibly to the fact that it was Saturday night, and that the weather was inclement, his speech was all that was expected.

In all probability the Senator from Nottoway will have a much larger audience than that which greeted the ex-Congressman from the Tenth District. This, however, will not show his strength in a very clear way, as many avowed Tucker men have announced their intention to attend the speaking of Judge Mann. Many prominent Democrats will be on the stage.

Sergeant Saunders Honored.
Past Exalted Ruler J. G. Saunders, of the local lodge of Elks, was highly complimented Monday night when, at the annual meeting of the lodge, he was elected as a delegate to the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Mr. Saunders, who is at present city sergeant of the town, has served as ruler of the Elks' lodge for the past year, and it was through his efforts that the social meetings every second Tuesday have been held.

He has made a most excellent officer and done much to increase the membership of the order.

Police Court News.
Willie Artist, colored, not a crap artist, with Jimmy Green, was in the Police Court yesterday morning on the charge of trespassing on the property of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway and building a fire in one of the company's cars. Each was given thirty days in jail.

Squire Jordan, who presided in the place of Mayor Maurice, who is on a hunting trip in the county. Special Officer Dobson made the arrest.

Julius Scott, colored, charged with non-support, who spent the night in jail, was released on \$100 bail.

He had the money to bail himself out, appeared and was dismissed. His wife, who was the informant, failed to appear. No other cases were tried.

Entertainment Successful.

The silver tea given last night at the parsonage of the West End Methodist church, for the benefit of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was an entire success and attracted a large crowd.

The program rendered consisted of literary and musical numbers and was greatly enjoyed by those present. The principal address, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Adkins rendered solos. Rev. T. P. Pettigrew also delivered an address. A silver offering was taken at the door.

Personals and Briefs.

James Percy Laws, 123 East Tenth street, who fell while skating on the street yesterday and broke his arm, is reported to be doing nicely.

M. A. Hammond, a resident of Powhatan county, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Hammond says that while politics are warming up to some extent in the county, the main topic of conversation for the past two weeks has been the trial of the Skipwith brothers.

The body of William McClelen, the aged Confederate soldier, whose death was announced a few days ago, still lies at a local undertaking establishment unclaimed.

The Board of Fire Commissioners met last night in the Council chamber and, with the exception of routine business, only held a short session.

E. J. Smith, of Hastings, Mich., is stopping at the Lafayette House.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester and Chesterfield Business Men's Association will be held next Friday night.

Stole His Wedding Shoes.
Harry Holmes (colored), of 1812 Baldwin street, who have been married at noon to-day, but unfortunately Beebe Love, who has long felt that she is the only woman in the world good enough for him, last night stole his wedding shoes. The prospective bridegroom was in the First Station last night.

"Bease don't pawned de shoes," he said, "and I know I ain't got no shoes barefooted." All arrangements for the ceremony have been postponed until Harry has another payday, or else until he finds his footgear. Bease is wanted for the theft, and the claim is that she pawned the shoes to secure money with which to purchase drinks in which she might celebrate the occasion.

Acknowledges the Theft.
Florence Hendrix (colored), was arrested last night on a charge of stealing two granite water buckets from Myer Levy, Randolph, it is said, acknowledges the theft.

WILLIAM DAVIS

Brother of Former School Superintendent Dies After Long Illness.

After a long illness, William Davis, the brother of former Superintendent of Schools, died at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of his parents.

Mississippi to ascertain whether a lumber trust existed in that State.

BILL IN DANGER

It May Be Seriously Delayed in Consideration in House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—There is imminent danger that the Payne tariff bill may be seriously delayed in its consideration by the House. President Taft was in conference to-day with Speaker Cannon, Representative Payne, of New York, the Republican floor leader, and Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania. It is understood the House leaders impressed upon the speaker the importance of the situation regarding the tariff bill and the difficulty being experienced in getting the Republican members in line to vote for a rule which would expedite the passage of the measure.

It is conceded to-night by several Republican leaders that it would be impossible to pass a rule restricting amendments to the bill until some time next week; and then only by granting the demands made by a number of members that certain important schedules be open to amendment.

As a means of settling the differences that exist and securing general support to a rule which would restrict amendments entirely to those on the Ways and Means Committee will offer, they propose that the committee should recommend changes that would take the countervailing duty clause on coffee out of the bill and should be taken regarding the tariff. It has also been suggested that a duty should be provided for long staple cotton or some other products of the South. The latter suggestion is made as a means of securing the support of Southern members and as a political move.

Before leaving the Capitol to consult with the President to-day, Speaker Cannon held a conference with the other members of the Illinois delegation in the House. The consensus of opinion was that a caucus should be held to determine the action that should be taken regarding the tariff. The Republican whips are making a canvass of the majority members to learn whether a greater number favor or oppose the holding of a caucus.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis, of the Williamsburg Road, at the home of Mr. Davis, who has recently returned to the county from the West, where he had spent some time in the hope that his health would be benefited. Arrangements for the funeral had not been made last night, but will be announced to-day. It is probable that the interment will be in Cumler county, the former home of the family.

Mrs. Joseph Wallmeyer.
Mrs. Joseph Wallmeyer died at her residence, 521 Hancock street, Monday at noon, in the fortieth year of her age. She is survived by her husband and five children. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Joseph Zellus.
Joseph Zellus died at his residence, corner First Avenue and Eron street, Monday at noon, in the forty-sixth year of his age. He is survived by his wife and eight children.

The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock from St. Peter's Cathedral. Interment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

OBITUARY

John Diedrick Couper.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., March 30.—John Diedrick Couper, one of Norfolk's oldest and most esteemed citizens, died yesterday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Webster, in Vineland, N. J., in the eighty-eighth year of his age. He was a native of this city and was the founder of a well-known marble works here which bear his name and which have been one of the institutions of the city for many years. He was for a long period active in municipal affairs as a member of the City Council, in the magistracy and in the public health. He was also prominent in the city's charities and took great interest in its musical life, being connected for a long time with the choir of Christ Episcopal Church, of which church he was a member at the time of his death. He was also a member of Harmony Lodge of Masons, No. 100, of New York; John D. Couper, of Charles C. Couper, of Norfolk; Mrs. E. M. C. Webster and Mrs. R. P. Fellows, of Vineland, N. J. Mr. Couper was one of the best men in the community and had a host of friends. The remains will arrive here to-morrow morning and will be taken to Elmwood Cemetery for interment.

R. T. Terrell.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
TYLER, VA., March 30.—Died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Anne Jones, at Tyler, Va., R. T. Terrell.

Captain Garrett G. Gooch.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
STANTON, VA., March 30.—Captain Garrett G. Gooch, of the well-known Gooch family of Virginia, died at noon to-day, aged seventy-two years, leaving a wife, who was formerly Mary Watson Payne, of Alleghany county, and two sons. Mr. Gooch was known throughout the State and other States as a railroad contractor and contractor for large works. He accumulated a handsome fortune, which he shared in the purchase of a large tract of land, and he was a member of the Masonic Order, of which he held many positions of trust in the community and served as a Confederate soldier.

Mrs. Agnes F. Coffey.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
AMHERST, VA., March 30.—Mrs. Agnes F. Coffey, wife of M. B. Coffey, died at her home near the village yesterday. Her remains were buried at the family burying ground on the place of the late Mrs. Coffey, who had been ill of pneumonia for several weeks. Prior to her marriage she was Miss White. She is survived by her husband and one son, Roy Coffey, of Jacksonville, Fla. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church at this place.

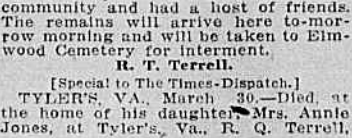
Mrs. Amelia Dowsett Lyons.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ALEXANDRIA, VA., March 30.—Mrs. Amelia Dowsett Lyons, widow of John Lyons, died last night at her home, 208 North Washington street. She was seventy-six years old and a native of Maryland. Three daughters survive—Mrs. Mary Lyons, of Alexandria; Mrs. Olivia and Margaret R. Lyons. Her funeral will take place at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon from St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Mary Kowalski.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, VA., March 30.—Mrs. Mary Kowalski, widow of Remington Kowalski, died last night at the home of her nephew, Attorney Conrad Kowalski, at Berryville, after being an invalid eight years. She was eighty-three years old. She was the last member of the Kowalski family in the family of Jefferson county, Va.

E. J. Durham.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WEST POINT, VA., March 30.—A telegram was received here to-day telling of the death of E. J. Durham, of New York. He was the brother-in-law of J. W. Owens, Captain Edgar Owens and Mrs. Clay Roberts.

Franklin C. Berryman.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ALEXANDRIA, VA., March 30.—Franklin C. Berryman, sixty years old, died yesterday at his home, 120 North Patrick street. He was a carpenter by trade and was unmarried. Mr. Berryman was a native of Fauquier county.

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